GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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CUT IN B.ED SEATS IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NCTE has cut down the seats for B.Ed. (Bachelor of Education) course in Kerala;

(b) whether the Government of Kerala has given any representation for restoring the seats;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto;

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (d) The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) has reduced the intake of students in 17 B.Ed. colleges of Kerala during 2000-2001, in order to ensure the teacher pupil ratio as laid down in their Regulations. The Government of Kerala vide theirletter dated 17.2.2000 had requested the Council not to insist on the teacher pupil ratio of 1:10. Some of the affected institutions filed a writ petition in the High Court of Kerala and obtained interim orders restoring the original intake as sanctioned by the State Government.